

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A television system, said system comprising:  
a display screen;  
a broadcaster having memory means for storing data relating to program information having at least subtitle and/or closed caption data;  
a broadcast data receiver for receiving digital data via terrestrial, cable or digital means from a the broadcaster and generating visual/audio and/or auxiliary data therefrom; and for storing data relating to program information wherein said television system is provided with  
a search facility to allow a user to search said memory means in said broadcaster by generating a user request for program information and sending said user request to said broadcaster having memory means, and said television system is capable of matching the request with any corresponding program information in said memory for display on said display screen.
  
2. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said memory means contains subtitle and/or closed caption data relating to program information.
  
3. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said memory means contains descriptions of programs.
  
4. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein a user query box is provided on said display screen for a user to type in their a search request.

5. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said user request may be selected from the group consisting of key words, phrases and codes defined by said broadcaster.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 6 1 wherein said broadcaster updates said memory means with future and/or real time program information.

9. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said program information identified corresponding to said user request includes any or any combination of the time and/or date of showing the identified program, the length of the program, the channel the program is to be shown and a summary of the program shown.

10. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said program information identified corresponding to said user request includes electronic program guide information.

11. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein the format of said program information identified in response to said user query is determined by said broadcaster.

12. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ format of said program information identified in response to said user query is determined by the user and is selectable via an options menu.

13. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein frequently requested information is stored in said memory means in a saved format.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein all or selective data contained in said memory means at said broadcaster is sent to memory means in said broadcast data receiver for searching by a user.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining program information in a television system having a display screen, a broadcaster having memory means for storing data relating to program information having at least subtitle and/or closed caption data, a broadcast data receiver for receiving digital data via terrestrial, cable or digital means from the a broadcaster and generating visual/audio and/or auxiliary data therefrom and having memory means for storing data relating to program information in response to a user's query, wherein said method includes the steps of:

inputting a query into said television system;

searching said broadcaster memory means for program information having at least subtitle

and/or caption data relating to said query; and

displaying on said display screen identified program information corresponding to said query.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 7 1 wherein said broadcaster updates said memory means with future and/or real time program information.